

FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ROADS
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2010
7:38 AM @ TOWN GARAGE

ATTENDANCE – Carl Akins, Scott Mayfield, Matt Spinale, Jack Walsh
Superintendent of Streets – Craig Hughes
Warrant Committee’s Liaison – Peter Smith
Selectmen’s Liaison – Joe Melican
Chip Spalding – citizen attendee

MINUTES – The minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting were approved with minor edits.

MASTER PLAN – The committee discussed the need for the Master Plan to address the issue of town sidewalks, including a rationalization of the process for determining where and when sidewalks may or may not be needed. In addition, the committee discussed the need to address how citizen requests are developed and funded. The committee also discussed the need for the Master Plan to address the need for a Public Works Department to coordinate and oversee such projects. The FCR recommendations for the Master Plan have been provided to the Town.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (a) BEAVER ACTIVITY – Beavers at Claybrook Road continue to be a problem. The culvert on Claybrook Road is 3/4 plugged by the beavers. To date, attempts to break the dam have not been successful. The trapper has caught 4 beavers – there may be more.
- (b) SODIUM LEVELS – Craig met with Karl Warnick and the Board of Health regarding sodium levels in well at 65 Center Street. Readings were 3 to 4 times higher than at the nearby Dover Water Company well. The readings may not have been taken at the wellhead. Craig will keep an eye on how much salt is being used – public safety on Dover roads should take precedent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) WINTER WEATHER – Highway Department is ready for winter weather; price of salt is down \$5 from last year; Craig is currently bidding for sand.
- (b) BUDGETS – Craig will have FY 2012 budgets prepared for FCR December meeting.

SIDEWALK SITE VISITS – The committee visited the sites of the proposed Dedham Street and Springdale Street sidewalk projects. Chip Spalding provided a walkthrough of the proposed Dedham Street sidewalk.

NEXT MEETING – December 21, 2010 at 7:30 am at the Town Garage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Mayfield